

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

##### **Call to Order:**

Chairwoman Arlene Becker, on January 16, 2009 at 3:00 P.M.,  
in Room 152 Capitol.

##### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Arlene Becker, Chairwoman (D)  
Rep. Mary Caferro, Vice Chairwoman (D)  
Rep. Pat Ingraham, Vice Chairwoman (R)  
Rep. Bill Beck (R)  
Rep. Julie French (D)  
Rep. Timothy Furey (D)  
Rep. David Howard (R)  
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)  
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)  
Rep. Michael More (R)  
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)  
Rep. Diane Sands (D)  
Rep. Cary Smith (R)  
Rep. Ron Stoker (R)  
Rep. Jeffery Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Pat Noonan (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Santella Baglivo, Committee Secretary  
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 29, 1/8/2009; HB 96, 1/8/2009

Executive Action: HB 70, HB 72, HB 106

**HEARING ON HB 96**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:00 Rep. Robin Hamilton (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on  
HB 96, Incentives for dentists.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:11 Jim Aichlmayr, President, Montana Dental Association

00:07:21 Cindy Stergar, Community Health Centers in Butte,  
Dillon and Sheridan

**EXHIBIT(huh10a01)**

00:10:52 Mary-Beth Frideres, Montana Primary Care Association

**EXHIBIT(huh10a02)**

00:16:16 Marge Levine, Montana Primary Care Association

00:21:21 Sylvia Moore, Deputy Commissioner of Academic Affairs,  
Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education

00:24:51 Chelsea Fagaen, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:25:46 Erin MacLean, Montana Medical Association

00:27:23 Jane Hamman, Montana Council on Maternal and Child  
Health

00:28:34 Greg VanHorssen, Montana Dental Hygienist Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:28:37 Chairwoman Becker introduces letter of opposition.

**EXHIBIT(huh10a03)**

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:30:17 Rep. Welborn

00:30:36 Rep. Hamilton

00:30:57 Rep. Peterson

00:31:34 Rep. Hamilton

00:31:36 Rep. Peterson

00:31:42 Rep. Hamilton

00:31:53 Ms. Moore

00:32:18 Rep. Hunter

00:32:46 Ms. Moore

00:33:32 Rep. Hunter  
00:33:53 Rep. Hamilton  
00:34:36 Rep. Becker  
00:35:16 Ms. Moore  
00:35:45 Rep. Becker  
00:35:49 Ms. Moore  
00:36:00 Rep. Ingraham  
00:36:44 Ms. Moore  
00:37:13 Rep. Ingraham  
00:37:52 Rep. McAlpin  
00:38:00 Ms. Moore  
00:38:37 Rep. McAlpin  
00:38:49 Ms. Moore  
00:39:28 Rep. McAlpin  
00:39:33 Rep. Beck  
00:40:39 Ms. Levine  
00:41:58 Rep. Beck  
00:42:29 Ms. Levine  
00:42:37 Ms. Moore  
00:43:04 Rep. Beck  
00:43:20 Ms. Moore  
00:43:45 Rep. Beck  
00:44:03 Ms. Moore  
00:44:12 Rep. French  
00:44:41 Ms. Levine  
00:45:00 Rep. French  
00:45:11 Ms. Levine  
00:45:52 Rep. Peterson  
00:46:15 Ms. Levine  
00:46:24 Rep. Peterson  
00:46:36 Ms. Levine  
00:48:47 Rep. Smith  
00:48:57 Ms. Levine  
00:49:35 Rep. Caferro  
00:50:34 Mr. Aichlmayr

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:53:53\_\_Rep. Hamilton

**HEARING ON HB 29**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:55:34 Rep. Julie French (D), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB 29, Increase funding for senior and disabled transportation account.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:05:01 Boyce Fowler, Volunteer Advocate for AARP Montana

**EXHIBIT(huh10a04)**

01:07:57 Dale Lonnquist, Volunteer Advocate for AARP Montana

01:10:11 Shyla Patera

01:12:28 George Northcutt,

01:13:11 Travis Hoffman, Montana Forward Living Centers

**EXHIBIT(huh10a05)**

01:14:38 Mark Sanders, Self

01:15:38 Jane Hamman, Triple A Mountain West

01:16:35 Nickie Fee, North Central Independent Living Center

01:17:36 Kim Gaub, North Central Independent Living Center

01:18:06 Jim Helgeson, President of the Montana Transit  
Association

01:19:29 Todd Osborn, North Central Independent Living Center

01:20:36 Jason Miller, Montana Based Local Union of the  
International Brotherhood of Teamsters

01:21:18 Lynn Helegard, Montana Transit Association

01:23:15 Rep. Tim Furey, HD 91

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:24:55 Chairwoman Becker introduces letter of opposition.

**EXHIBIT(huh10a06)**

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:25:18 Chairwoman Becker

01:25:38 Rep. French

01:26:55 Dick Turner, Montana Department of Transportation

01:27:54 Chairwoman Becker

01:28:08 Mr. Turner

01:28:14 Rep. McAlpin

01:28:26 Mr. Turner

01:29:13 Chairwoman Becker

01:29:35 Mr. Turner

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:29:50 Rep. French

01:31:16 Chairwoman Becker calls for recess.

01:38:42 Chairwoman Becker resumes hearing.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 106**

01:40:11 **Motion:** Rep. French moved that **HB 106 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:40:26 Rep. French  
01:40:41 Rep. Peterson  
01:41:13 Rep. French  
01:41:57 Rep. Beck  
01:42:37 Rep. McAlpin

01:42:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Noonan voting by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 70**

01:43:27 **Motion:** Rep. French moved that **HB 70 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:43:35 Rep. Sands  
01:43:53 Rep. Stoker  
01:44:07 Rep. Sands  
01:44:16 Rep. Stoker  
01:44:42 Chairwoman Becker  
01:45:14 Rep. Stoker  
01:45:43 Rep. Sands

01:45:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote, with Rep. Noonan voting by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 72**

01:46:43 **Motion:** Rep. Sands moved that **HB 72 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:46:51 Rep. Sands  
01:47:25 Rep. Stoker  
01:47:43 Rep. Sands  
01:47:47 Rep. Peterson  
01:48:44 Rep. Sands  
01:48:57 Rep. Peterson  
01:49:07 Rep. Ingraham  
01:49:24 Rep. Sands  
01:49:31 Rep. Peterson  
01:49:56 Rep. McAlpin

01:50:04 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Noonan voting by proxy.

**Announcements:**

01:50:20 Rep. Stoker  
01:51:14 Rep. Ingraham  
01:51:42 Rep. McAlpin  
01:51:57 Chairwoman Becker  
01:53:10 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division

**EXHIBIT (huh10a07)**

01:54:31 Rep. More  
01:54:46 Chairwoman Becker  
01:55:06 Rep. Stoker  
01:55:20 Chairwoman Becker

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:55:37 Adjournment: 4:55 P.M.

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**Additional Documents**

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**EXHIBIT ([huh10aad.pdf](#))**